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TYPE OF ACCIDENT		CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS										MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES																			
PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE										ENGINE FAILURE																	
UNIT		COM.		PLACE										DATE		TIME															
Greenwood,		E.A.C.												10-10-42																	
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.										SE		ME		DAY		NIGHT											
Hudson III		BW703		A												x															
NAME				RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES				SERIOUS																	
Edmond, D.				SGT		656814		PP		Missing				FATAL INJURY																	
Elder, J.J.				SGT		1315437		PN		Missing				4																	
Finn, M.W.				SGT		R117269		WOAC		Missing				CARD SERIAL NO.																	
Badmington, E.P.				SGT		R105821		WOAC		Missing.				620																	
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS																			
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Navigation training exercise.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

At 1500 hrs. Sgt. Edmond and crew took off on Navigation Exercise. The A/C did not return to its base. Overdue action was taken but no trace of A/C could be found.

DATE: 15-10-42.

COMPOSITION:

S/L HILL, G.D. (RAF 39986) No. 34 O.T.U.  
F/L Small, J.B. (RAF 40853) No. 36 O.T.U.  
F/O Hartley, R. (RAF 88225) No. 36 O.T.U.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

That the A/C is ~~missing through causes unknown and that the crew are missing, presumed dead.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER Nil.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

THE REASON FOR FAILURE OF THIS A/C TO RETURN TO BASE IS UNKNOWN. WHEN A/C LEFT THE S.S. "PRINCESS HELENE" AT 1730 HRS. IT WAS SLOWLY LOSING HEIGHT. ANY SUGGESTION OF ENGINE TROUBLE AT THIS TIME IS NEGATED BY THE FACT THAT W/T COMMUNICATION WITH A/C WAS CARRIED ON UNTIL 1747. IF IT HAD BEEN IN DISTRESS IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME A/C WOULD HAVE NOTIFIED BASE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY HOWEVER THAT A/C MAY HAVE FLOWN INTO THE SEA, WHILE CARRYING OUT AIR TO SEA FIRING EXERCISES. THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN, AND THE CREW ARE MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A/C failed to return to base. Still missing.

DATE

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